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1916 SPRING PRICE LIST

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Hitchcock's : Nursery

Agawam : Massachusetts



To reach the Nursery from Springfield, Mass., take a West Springfield, Feeding Hills or Hartford Westside Trolley Car to Agawam Bridge, Five Cent Fare, Three Minutes Walk : : : :

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State Board of Agriculture.

Official Certificate No. 71

BOSTON, Sept. 3, 1915

To whom it may concern :

This is to Certify that I have this 24th day of Aug. completed the inspection of the nursery stock of *E. M. Hitchcock*, grown at *Agawam*, State of Massachusetts, and find it to be apparently free from all injurious insects and diseases which might be transferred on nursery stock from the nursery to the orchard or garden. This certificate is good until July 1, 1916.

Inspected by A. J. Burnham. (Signed) *H. L. Fernald, Inspector.*

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

FEB 29 1916

In presenting this, our 21st Annual Price List, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to our old customers especially, many of which have bought plants of us every year since starting in the business.

To prospective new ones we wish to say, please give us a trial. We will do our best to please you. Our sales of plants increase steadily from year to year with very little advertising.

We buy no plants to sell. We buy new varieties for our own planting only. We buy from introducers only.

We give our personal supervision to digging and packing all orders sent us.

We warrant our plants to be equal to any, no matter where or by whom grown. In making this statement we know what we are talking about, as we have received plants from almost every nursery in the states.

Claims, if any, must be made upon receipt of goods; when they will be cheerfully and carefully examined, and if our fault will be settled promptly and satisfactorily.

We could print hundreds of testimonials as to packing and quality of stock, but do not think it would warrant expense.

We respectfully solicit a share of your patronage for 1916.

E. M. HITCHCOCK.

Agawam, Mass.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Terms. Cash or one-half cash with order; balance before shipment.

Agawam, Mass., is our Postoffice address.

Springfield, Mass., is our Express and Freight Office.

Money Orders. Please make all Postoffice and Express Money Orders on Springfield, Mass.

Boxing and Packing is done Free and everything is labeled.

All stock guaranteed True to Label.

SHIPPING

By Express. We advise shipping plants and roots by express, especially in lots of 500 and over as we know by experience they are received in much better condition and with the recent reduction in express rates about as cheaply.

By Freight. We do not advise shipping by freight, but will if customers wish.

By Mail. Customers wanting plants and roots sent by mail must add at the rate of 5c per dozen. Larger quantities must go at Parcel Post rates, which are as follows:—

From Springfield, Mass., Local, 10 cents per 100; First and Second Zones, up to 150 miles, 15 cents per 100; any amount. Third Zone, up to 300 miles, any amount, 20 cents per 100. Fourth Zone, up to 600 miles, any amount, 25 cents per 100.

STRAWBERRIES

Standard Varieties

Extra Early

	Doz.	PRICES	
		100	1000
Fairfield—S	\$.15	\$.50	\$3.50

Early to Medium

Abington—S	\$.15	\$.50	\$3.50
Haverland—P	.15	.50	3.50
Senator Dunlap	.15	.50	3.50
Paul Jones—P	.15	.50	3.50
Pocomoke—S	.15	.50	3.50
Parsons Beauty —S	.15	.50	3.50
Glen Mary—P	.20	.60	4.00
Warfield—P	.15	.50	3.00

Medium to Late

Brandywine—S	\$.15	\$.50	\$4.00
Sample—P	.15	.50	3.50
Uncle Jim—S	.20	.60	4.00
Minute Man—P	.15	.50	3.50
Wm. Belt—S	.20	.60	4.00
Heritage—S	.20	.60	4.00

No varieties at thousand rates except those so priced.

STRAWBERRIES

Old and New Varieties

PRICES

	Doz.	100	1000
Ryckman—S	\$.20	\$.60	\$4.00
Gibson—S	.20	.60	4.00
Model—S	.20	.60	4.00
Superb—S, Fall Bearing	.25	1.00	8.00
Joe Johnson—S	.20	.60	4.00
Rewastico—S	.25	1.00	
Willard—S	.25	1.00	4.00

Strawberries marked (P) are Pistillate or imperfect, and must have every third or fourth row planted with varieties marked (S), which are staminate, or perfect.

We will furnish 50 of a single variety at 100 rates and 500 of a single variety at 1,000 rates.

Those wanting 5,000 plants or over, write for special price.

For Fall planting we expect to have plants of the different varieties ready about August 20. Please write for prices.

No varieties at thousand rates except those so priced.

ASPARAGUS

Extra Strong, 1-Year Roots

	PRICES		
	Doz.	100	1000
Conover's Colossal	\$.10	\$.50	\$3.00
Donald's Elmira	.10	.50	3.00
Palmetto. Best variety	.10	.50	3.00
Barr's Mammoth	.10	.50	
Early French Giant.	.10	.60	4.00
Starkey's Early Mammoth	.10	.60	4.00

Owing to the large demand for 1-year Asparagus Roots last season we have only a few thousand 2-year roots to offer this spring. Price of 2-year roots in above varieties, 60 cents per 100 and \$4.00 per 1,000.

RHUBARB

Two Years

	Each	Doz.
Myatt's Linnaeus	.10	1.00
Wine Plant	.10	1.00
Mammoth	.10	1.00
Victoria	.10	1.00

HORSE RADISH

Sets 5 cents each, 50 cents a dozen.

SHIPPING SEASON

Our digging and shipping season for Strawberries begin about April 1st, extending to June, also August and September.

For Asparagus, April 1st to August 1st.

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About Varieties

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After another season's fruiting I am more than ever convinced that we should stick to the well tested kinds for our main planting. Still I would not condemn all new varieties but each year test the most promising of the new ones on a small scale on one's own ground. By so doing we will be in a position to decide on their value to us without much expense.

In standard varieties the **Fairfield** is still the best extra early both for home use and market.

The **Early** and **Medium** and the **Medium to Late** varieties are all either good for home use or market.

We do not think it necessary to go into a lengthy description of standard varieties but will say they are all good paying varieties.

With our experience we would plant **Sen. Dunlap** with **Warfield**; **Pocomoke**, **Parsons Beauty** and **Gibson** with **Paul Jones** and **Haviland**.

For a polinizer for **Sample** and **Minute Man** would use **Abington**.

We shall discard the **O. I. C.**, **King**, **Goodell**, **Helen Davis**, **Progressive** and **Pan-American**.

Gibson. This has proven to be one of our paying staminate, good grower, health, good size and productive.

Model. This variety came to us so highly recommended that we made an extra large planting in the spring of 1915. The fruit

closely resembles the **Wm. Belt** in size, shape and color and the quality is as near perfect as we ever expect a strawberry to be. Those who like the **Wm. Belt** will like the **Model** better.

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About Varieties—Continued

Wm. Belt. This is our favorite for home use and market, but would not advise planting it on light leachy sand.

Willard. Very nice and large for home use.

Heritage. The best late variety we ever tried both for home use and market.

Joe Johnson. Claimed to be best late berry now in sight. Not fruited here.

Rewastico. Another extra late berry for for which big claims are made. Not fruited here.

Fall Bearing Varieties

Superb—S. This is the only fall bearer we consider worth planting and we have tested about every variety as fast as introduced. If you want nice, large, good flavored berries and lots of them in the fall, then plant the **Superb** in the spring. Keep all blossoms and fruit stem picked as fast as they appear until about July 1. Then you will have all the strawberries you want until frost comes.

The **Superb** will ripen fruit from early in June until frost if blossoms are not removed, but your crop will not be so satisfactory and but few will ripen at one time.

STRAWBERRIES

Planting and Cultivation

All varieties of the Strawberry give the greatest yield and the largest berries when grown in rich soil; hence no pains should be spared in preparing the bed carefully before planting, by digging or plowing deeply and turning under a liberal application of well rotted manure. Pulverize the surface soil thoroughly with harrow and rake, and if a top dressing of ground bone can be applied, it will be found a great benefit at fruiting time. Select a location where the soil is moist and deep if possible—moist and yet where water does not stand near or upon the surface. In such a soil well enriched, Strawberries delight and give marvelous results. They will, however, succeed upon any soil if well manured. Strawberries do not succeed when planted in shady locations; hence, in selecting a plot for them, be careful to avoid places that are shaded by trees. For hill culture in the family garden, set plants in rows two feet apart and the plants fifteen inches apart in the rows; or if to be worked with horse and cultivator, have the rows three feet and the plants one foot apart in the row. In either case cut off the runners as they appear. If to be grown in matted rows, plant three and one-half or four feet apart and the plants a foot apart in the rows, permitting the runners to grow at will. The after culture consists in keeping the soil mellow and free from weeds by frequent hoeing and cultivation. The Planet Jr., twelve tooth cultivator is a very good tool for this purpose. If you live in the Northern state, where you are subject to severe freezes, I would advise you to mulch your plants. At the approach of winter (as soon as the ground is frozen sufficiently to support the weight of a horse and cart) cover the entire bed with straw or other loose light material. Light strawy manure is excellent for this purpose, as the soluble portion leaches into the soil and affords nourishment to the plants, while the fibrous portion remains upon the surface as a mulch. Evergreen branches are very useful for holding the mulch in place and are of themselves a protection. When the plants start growth in the spring, rake the mulch from off the plants suffi-

ciently to permit them to push through it. and leave it on the surface about the plants to protect the fruit and keep it clean and also keep the soil moist and cool. An application of unleached wood ashes or muriate of potash along the rows very early in the spring, just before a rainfall, will be found to increase the size, beauty and flavor of the berries.

Culture of Asparagus

The months of April, May and June is the best time to plant. Success depends more on condition and preparation of land than it does on the variety. Select well drained, rich soil. If not rich by previous manuring, make it so by plowing in a heavy coat of stable manure or any kind of manure that will make the soil rich. Plow deeply and harrow thoroughly. Mark out furrows four feet apart and set the roots two feet apart in the row. The crowns should be from five to eight inches deep, depending on the soil; the lighter the soil the deeper they should be planted. Cover the crowns with two inches of soil and fill in the furrow gradually through the season as the new shoots grow. Keep the bed free from grass and weeds throughout the growing season and when tops die mow and burn. When convenient give the bed a good coat of stable manure or commercial fertilizer to be cultivated or dug in the next spring. Cut for use or market when shoots come large enough. Beds if well cared for, will last from fifteen to twenty years. For gardens, roots may be planted much closer. Two year roots give quicker results.

OUR STOCK OF PLANTS

For the Spring of 1916 our stock of Strawberry Plants is the largest and finest we have ever grown (almost double our usual number) and we expect to be able to fill all orders this season promptly and satisfactory, especially if ordered early.

We would esteem it a favor if customers would state in their orders whether we shall substitute something just as good or better than the varieties ordered, especially when ordering after May 1st.

Yours for a successful season,

E. M. HITCHCOCK, Agawam, Mass.

The H. P. Stone Co.

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